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Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449. Applicants respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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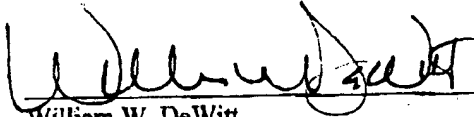
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